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70 Enroll

Seventy new students bolstered the college roll during second semester registration. Total enrollment is now 140. Sixty new veterans enrolled; twenty-seven were pre-war St. Joe men. Names on page four, column two.

MIKE LINEHAN, '29, tries to save face with his wife and seven children after winning the 1945 annual Burlington Liars Club competition.

Joe Reardon, '25, Safe after Three Years with Japs

Joseph J. Reardon, '25, missing for three years of Japanese imprisonment, is safe. He spent January with his wife, brother and sister in Fort Wayne.

For twenty years, Joe has been in service. He is a lieutenant in the Marine Corps. In May, 1942, he was reported missing in action since the capitulation of the Manila Bay area. In May of last year, he was reported released from a Japanese prison camp on Guam.

Before his capture by the Japs, Lieut. Reardon served sixty-five months aboard the USS Houston. While aboard this ship he served in China, in the Carribean, and in the Philippines. Later he was on Bataan, and finally on Corregidor, where he was seriously wounded. He received his commission in 1942.

Twice commended for meritorious conduct in action, Lieut. Reardon was later awarded the Silver Star for gallantry. He prizes approximately a dozen medals, and he expects later to be awarded the Philippines Congressional Medal.

At present Lieut. Reardon is attached to the U. S. Naval Hospital at San Diego, Calif., where he is undergoing treatment.

Flies to Vatican

Flying to Rome Feb. 11 with two cardinal-designates and fifteen other high clergymen of the church in this country, was the V. Rev. Joseph Marling, C.PP.S., Ph.D., '23, head of the American province of the Society of the Precious Blood.

Seven years ago Father Marling made the trip on the Italian liner, the Conte di Savoia, in the company of the V. Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, '20. Last Sunday he crossed the ocean in a 300-mile-an-hour Lockheed Constellation transport plane operated by Transcontinental and Western Airlines.

On his way to join the entourage in Chicago, Father Marling visited briefly on the campus.

The huge plane was blessed by cardinal-designate Stritch, just before he boarded it for his first plane ride. In Detroit, the plane landed for cardinal-designate Mooney. Stops were made at Gander, Newfoundland; Shannon, Ireland; and at Paris.

In his 1939 visit, Father Marling was summoned to Rome to consult with the new Moderator General of the society about the condition of the German, Italian and Spanish provinces in view of unsettled conditions in Europe.

Mike Linehan's Fib Tops 5,872 Entries. . . .

Louisville Story Wins!

St. Joe professors shook their heads when they heard that Mike Linehan, '29, won the 1945 series of the Burlington Liars Club, national fib-telling fraternity.

Mike, who hails from 1531 Locust St., Louisville, Ky., works for Huber and Huber Motor Express Co. He is the father of seven children. At St. Joe he was really a good student who always told the truth.

"I've been lying professionally for only two years," said Mike. His 1944 entry bore no fruit. His 1945 attempt topped 5,872 other atrocious exaggerations. Here it is:

"Very few people know it but it was through my efforts that the 1945 Ohio River flood was stopped before it spread out of control. On the day the water reached its peak and was expected to flood half of Louisville, I made a hurried call to the election board, had them arrange a special local option, and we voted the town dry in half an hour."

CONTACT thanks Larry Bloemer, '30, who sent clippings and pictures of Mike Linehan, the tall-tale teller.

PAUL KUEBLER, '37

14022 La Salle Blvd., Detroit 6, Mich., is the new address of Paul Kuebler, '37.

Army Releases Don Ransweiler

Sgt. Don Ransweiler, '38, of 431 Briarwood Drive, Akron, Ohio, has been honorably discharged from the army air forces at Patterson Field, Ohio.

Before entering the service in October, 1941, Don was secretary and assistant treasurer for the Square Deal Electric Co., Akron. He took basic training at Camp Lee, Va., and was graduated from clerical school. He was sent to Columbus Field, Miss., where he was NCO in charge of commissary operations.

CELEBRATING HIS FORTIETH year in the priesthood, Father Edmund Ley, '00, is congratulated by Msgr. E. J. Mongovan, '97, (right).

Investiture Is Slated For Msgr. Mungovan

Vicar General of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne for the past six years, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Mungovan, '97, has received the honor of the title and privileges of Protonotary Apostolic from Pope Pius XII. Msgr. Mungovan is pastor of All Saints parish, Hammond, Ind.

Notification of this distinction came by radio from Rome to the Apostolic Delegate. Msgr. Mungovan will be permitted to wear a ring and plain gold cross, and to offer Pontifical Mass.

The Golden Jubilee of All Saints parish will be celebrated some time in the spring. Most probably Mgsr. Mungovan's investiture will take place then.

Some Make It; Some Wait

Emergency Rescue Boat Section
Selfridge Field, Michigan

Dear Editor,

The year 1946 started off like a fizzle. The air forces are releasing some men with thirty-six months service. I have thirty-eight months. However, this is one time when it doesn't pay to know anything.

Besides being a boat operator I am a general clerk. On this "clerk" basis I have been declared essential, indefinitely!

The boats are all in winter storage, and the lake here is frozen with about two feet of ice. Here I sit grinding out my reports.

Here's hoping something "breaks" and that I'll have better news by the end of the month.

Sincerely,
Bill Gay, '42.

USS LCI (R) 338
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Editor,

Please send CONTACT and Stuff to the above address. This is a change from the one sent you recently.

Sincerely,
Lt. (jg) Stan Lapsys, '43.

Co. C, 3rd Amphibian Tractor Bn.
Fleet Marine Force Pacific, c/o FPO,
San Francisco, California

Dear Editor,

Well, the Marine Corps finally got me into a hospital, but only as a result of a football game. I've got a fouled-up shoulder, but it seems to be coming along pretty well.

I received a copy of CONTACT today and was quite surprised to learn that **Joseph Metzger, '41**, was a St. Joe man.

It all goes back to the invasion of Iwo Jima, back to D plus 2, in fact. There was a man lying on the ground only a couple of feet from my foxhole. Later, when I had a chance to check the man's pistol belt, I saw the name Metzger.

My men personally buried Metzger. If his people should request information as to his burial, I should be more than happy to write them.

I'm on my fifteenth month overseas now. My outfit should get back to the states in two or three months. I enjoy reading CONTACT, and it has been coming through regularly.

Very Sincerely,
1st Lt. Robert F. Shields, USMC, '44.

USS Marquette (AKA 95)
FPO, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Editor,

Answering your letter in haste to correct a wrong address, and possibly to give you some news. Since leaving the States last August 1 (from Norfolk) the "M.M." (Mighty Marquette) has traveled over 15,000 miles and gone to and through these ports: Cristobal, Colon, Panama City and Balboa in the Canal Zone; Pearl Harbor, Guam, Manus in the Admiralties, Brisbane, Australia; and now we are en route to Samar in the Philippines.

In Guam I met **Jack Cannon, '41**, a Lieut. (jg) in the Coast Guard, serving on the USS Key West, PF 17; and **Jack Deininger, '43**, a naval ensign on the APA 144. We talked about everybody and everything from Drexel Hall to Seifert. From Cannon I heard that the ship of **Bernie Hoffman, '43**, was in the harbor, but the Ships Present list failed to show his number.

Certainly glad to see that Stan Wisniewski is back on the campus. I'm sure he and Dick Scharf will do well together in all sports.

Recently Uncle Sam was good to me, making my promotion to Lieutenant effective Nov. 1. I was recently installed as the ship's Gunnery Officer, but there is very little "bang-bang" now.

Enclosed find alumni dues and subscription money. I hope you have continued success with CONTACT, and I look forward to the Homecoming which draws closer every day.

Sincerely,
Dan. H. Goldcamp, '41

Toledo, Ohio

Dear Editor,

One reason for my delay could be that I am a civilian again. It takes some time to get readjusted to a tweed suit and at least one LOUD tie.

Presently I am working at the United States Employment Service here as an interviewer. We handle discharged Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, WAC and WAVE applicants. Their problems are multiple—we have a mutual understanding.

Have thought about finishing at Toledo U. for my Masters in English, but wonder if I would have the patience to teach. My present work is interesting, and am carrying courses on the Psychology of Counseling.

Regards to all the padres.

Ut Prosimus '31,
Joe F. Sanislo, '31

Subic Bay
Luzon, P. I.

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the letter written prior to the holidays. The news about the athletic setup for next year was encouraging.

I've been transferred to the USS Bull, APD 78, FPO, San Francisco, so please change my mailing address. The SC 518 was officially decommissioned on 11 January and I found myself without a ship—for two days.

The "Bull" is heading back to the USA on or before March 1, so I shouldn't be long in getting my first glimpse of the states—in 17 months. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
George Ellsperman, '43

New Year's Day
New Delhi, India

Dear Editor,

In the interest of history, with some personal interest mingled, I'll cover a three-day conference of India-Burma Theater generals. So by the end of the week, the future of the theater should be pretty well charted; from that knowledge I should be able to make a rough guess as to my own future. With luck I should board a ship some time in February, and be home about one month later.

Sincerely,
Capt. Ed Fischer, '34

U. of Dayton
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Editor,

I have entered the University of Dayton Feb. 5. Enclosed are my St. Joe alumni dues, and payment for CONTACT and Stuff. I will appreciate very much the receipt of any St. Joe publication; through them I hope to keep in close "contact" with the school and the many friends I made there. My regards to all.

Sincerely,
Paul Reichert, '43

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Vets Bring "Ducks" to Campus

JOHN SVIENTY, '41

An even four years of army service led John far from 6005 South Ashland Ave., the familiar Chicago home stand. But that didn't keep him from leading this edition's parade of "freedom eagles" back to the campus, Jan. 24.

With John through most of his thirty months as New Orleans M.P., was Owen (Red) Thuerk, '41, and, oh yes, Clark Gable, who is not an alumnus.

John later served with the Sixth Camp Battalion in New Guinea, Leyte, Davao, Mindanao, and Tokyo.

JACK VILIM, '43

Ere December, 1943, had flown, Jack was an ensign in the Miami naval subchaser school. He went to sea on the USS Beaumont, PG 60, on weather patrol. They cruised up and down the international date line in the north Pacific—in a converted yacht formerly owned by Mandel Brothers, Chicago.

With twenty-one months service out of the country, Jack reported to Great Lakes naval training station Feb. 5 for further orders.

On the continent he ran into Ed Bandjough, '42, and Charley Browning, '43. In the O-Club at Pearl Harbor he met Jim Bogan, '43. One Sunday in church on Midway it was Jim Lavelle, '42, the submariner.

About brother Herb Vilim, '41, Jack reports that he was recently released from the army after teaching in the armed forces institute. He is remaining in Sydney, Australia, where he will go into business.

MICHAEL (JACK) MURRAY, '42

Down Louisville way they still talk about the fancy baton twirler St. Joe's band featured down there in 1938. But Jack Murray turned up on the campus Jan. 24 to talk about how St. Joe was on "the road back."

Jack entered service in October, 1942, went through the army's FBI course and ended up in England. Out of the country twenty-eight months, he served as an agent in the office of the Provost Marshall General, investigating black markets and other subversive activities. Jack's boss was Col. Duane Purvis.

Released Jan. 12, Murray has his eye on the U. of Illinois Law School. He met Frank Greiner, '40, an ordnance officer in England in 1943.

TOM MEDLAND, '25

Up to his neck in work as an architect in Logansport, Ind., Tom Medland brought the "Missus" and two of his children over to Collegeville for a sociable Sunday chat, Jan. 27.

BILL PEITZ, '42

Off the army reservation since last September, Bill appeared in Collegeville, Jan. 24. He chalked up three years in the army air corps, as a group radar officer for the B-29's of the Twentieth Air Force.

Talk about a wide range of activities! In his student days Bill acted for the C.L.S. and was a master stage scenery designer. On June 5, 1944, he flew on the first B-29 mission to Bangkok, Siam.

LOUIS (BILL) DAWSON, '42

There was one son of New Haven, Ky., who was especially happy last New Year's Eve. For he had his army discharge to celebrate, this after thirty-seven months service.

Thirty of those months Bill Dawson's best friend was a B-24 out of the country. He served as aircraft and engine crew chief for the eighth and ninth air forces, in England, France, and Germany.

After checking over hours and credits with the college dean, Feb. 7, Bill headed back toward New Haven, where he will work in a distillery until fall. Wedding bells are in the offing, he confided. Next September he expects to bring the Mrs. to Rensselaer.

ED RITTER, '43

Ed jumped into the Navy swim in May of 1943. In September, as a brand-new ensign, he was assigned to LST 512, heading for the Normandy invasion. After the Show, a fall storm washed the 512 high and dry upon a pontooned causeway. Ignominy of ignominies, she and her crew were towed back to Norfolk.

Now a Lt. (jg), Ed dropped in on his way to Great Lakes, where he will be assigned to further duty. With ten months overseas, Ed hopes to be released in June.

SSgt. Tom Ritter, '42, who served marine fighter squadron 215 as a radar technician, wired recently from the west coast. "Heading home soon," were the magic words.

RAY MONJON, '39

A two-striper in the Navy, Ray had the honor of being on deck when the USS Nathala, a 555-foot tanker, was put into commission. Ray left the states in June 1944, as the Nathala's navigator; in December 1945 he returned as skipper.

A fueling vessel, the Nathala steamed through Pacific waters for eighteen months. She was 100 miles off Tokyo when Japan surrendered.

BILL KOZIELSKI, '41

Bill got into the army in the summer of 1941, as a private in the infantry. When Bill and Mrs. Kozielski visited the campus, Jan. 28, he was sporting the gold leaves of a signal corps major, on terminal leave, after two years of commanding the 3196th Signal Service Company in China. Bill's outfit operated all army communications from Kunming eastward.

Bill was married to Miss Estelle Kotas, in Chicago, Oct. 3, 1942. His service log totals four years, nine months.

BOB SACKSTEDER, '41

243 Coe St., Tiffin, Ohio, looked good to Bob after three years naval service, of which twenty months was out of the states. The campus didn't look so bad to Bob either, when he turned up Jan. 28.

Bob entered the navy in February, 1943, and became an officer in the supply corps. He went overseas in May, 1944, serving at Pearl Harbor, Eniwetok, and Guam, as a commissary officer. He began his terminal leave as a lieutenant.

FR. WERNER HEMMELGARN, '35

Father Werner passed out straight dope on human relations inside Europe during his brief visit Jan. 29. He also told Father Hehn's economics class of the strategy underlying many of his outfit's campaigns.

"Catholicism in Germany is on the way back," the army chaplain declared.

Father Hemmelgarn is now stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., where 250 Americans and 900 German prisoners of war are under his charge.

FRANK STODOLA, '43

Frank gave his shiny new golden eagle a look at the campus, Jan. 28. He had just been released from thirty-two months of army service, twenty of them in the southwest Pacific with an air warning battalion.

"Nails" brought along some news of his big brother Andy, '40, who used to go by "Spike" in the old days. Spike is a coast artillery lieutenant with thirteen months in Europe behind him. Now he is sweating out a discharge at Fort Bliss, Texas. Home address of both Stodolas is 6849 Columbia Ave., Hammond, Ind.

CHARLES SUDROVECH, '42

Still needing three semesters of college work, Charley came back recently to chat with the dean of studies. He is recently discharged after more than three years with the army medical corps in the Pacific theater.

Chem Column

By Father Al Wuest

The returns on the questionnaire are coming in slowly. I'm still holding out for a 100 per cent return. As time goes on I expect to complete my record of each of you with a picture.

A brief description and picture of one of the labs will appear in the next issue, opening a series taken while you were students. If your picture happens to be missing, send one in.

Next week the Albertus Magnus society will be reorganized. Fortunately, John Goetz is back with me. Since he is familiar with the aims and the objective, we should simply continue where we left off two years ago. Society members are always in the market for new ideas. If you have any, send them in.

Plans for this year's Science Day will get under way soon. The minutes of the society carry some suggestions for Science Day which will be put into use.

Lt. (jg) Jim Bogan will report aboard the cruiser Pensacola, as communications officer. As you know this ship has been assigned to the atomic bomb tests to be carried out in May. Jim should see some more history made.

Sgt. Gene Hoffman is at Fort Bragg working on respiratory diseases. It sounds like an interesting assignment, and one from which Gene will derive much benefit.

Al Prosser is busy in East St. Louis with Socony Vacuum Oil Co., running tests on petroleum and its products. He says he realizes the importance of neatness and accuracy more than ever before. He is now a member of the Engineers Club of St. Louis.

Joe Hanley is busy as the chemist for Vail Rubber Works. As his guest in St. Joe Mich., I had occasion to visit his lab. He has a real setup. He organized their lab and I certainly congratulate him on his work and ability.

During the war his company made propeller shafts for LCI's and LST's. Now they have reverted to making paper mill rubber rolls and automotive parts. When the whistle blows, Joe hangs his hat at 816 Broad St., St. Joe, Mich.

Since the last list of graduate chem majors, another must be added. He is William E. Milford. Congratulations, Bill. Your questionnaire is on the way.

Let's make the response on those questionnaires a perfect response.

ROBERT MAHONEY

A student in St. Joseph's Academy last year, Robert Mahoney of Cincinnati was invested in the habit of a Franciscan, Feb. 2, at St. Anthony Monastery, there. Robert's name in religion is Brother Juniper, O.F.M.

Names of the twenty-seven former St. Joe men—all war veterans—who have returned to Collegeville to resume their studies:

Paul Banet, Fort Wayne, Ind.
James Beane, Evansville, Ind.
Robert Blanton, Ironton, Ohio
Norman Bowman, Rensselaer
John Cangany, Indianapolis, Ind.
Carl Caston, Akron, Ohio
Frank Coman, E. Chicago, Ind.
Roy Czarnecki, Chicago, Ill.
Walter Donahue, Cleveland, O.
John Ford, Louisville, Ky.
John Goetz, Wapakoneta, Ohio
Joseph Grace, Frankfort, Ind.
V. Guckien, Logansport, Ind.
David Jones, Gary, Ind.
Thomas Joyce, Bureau, Ill.
Richard Mohr, Terre Haute, Ind.
Andre Mongeau, Harvey, Ill.
Vestal Nicholas, Kokomo, Ind.
Daniel O'Loughlin, Kankakee, Ill.
Charles Ploszek, Oak Lawn, Ill.
William Reed, Terre Haute, Ind.
Arthur Silk, Peoria, Ill.
Donald Smith, Kalida, Ohio
Chas. Sudrovech, Laporte, Ind.
Robert Taugher, Vincennes, Ind.
Martin Timelin, Youngstown, O.
C. Vanderkolk, Lafayette, Ind.

Giese Will Direct Labor Newspaper

Vince Giese, '45, will edit the new American Federation of Labor paper to be published soon by the union at the Milwaukee International Harvester Co. The announcement was made following a conference between Dean O'Sullivan of the Marquette University school of journalism, and four labor union officials.

The paper will be a monthly tabloid resembling Stuff, the Collegeville news sheet. Giese's editions will enjoy a circulation of 5,000. Reporters will be assigned to handle news in the plant, and bring it in to the editor. Then Vince will carry on from there.

LeSage Dies

Paul LeSage, '41, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Lafayette, Feb. 9, soon after his return from Philippine army service. Burial took place at Fowler, Ind., Feb. 12.

Chaplain's Tribute Stands in Africa

"Falter Amphitheater."

Twelve miles outside Casablanca, in the Don Passage staging area, stands this tribute to Father Clem Falter, who left his St. Joe language classes to become the first chaplain casualty in World War II.

The amphitheater is built on a natural slope, with the stage at the bottom. It has been used for everything from USO camp shows and movies to memorial services.

Joe Faulkner, '41, newly returned from the European Theater and now working as assistant to the bursar, brought CONTACT the above story.

He was newly arrived in Casablanca and heading for the staging area. He asked the Red Cross where Mass was held on Sunday.

"Why, that's in Falter Amphitheater," they said, and showed him the way.

Donahue Returns With Bronze Star

After thirty months of army service—twenty-two as an X-ray and medical technician in Europe—Walter Donahue, of Cleveland, returned to the St. Joe campus, Jan. 7.

The White-Bearded Gentleman tapped Wally on the shoulder when he was in his third year of pre-med studies in 1943. On the campus Donahue was a track man, and also kept the photo coffers of Phase and STUFF filled with good pictures. More academically, Wally coached Biology students and corrected assignments under Father Clarence Kroeckel, as a side-line.

Accepted by the school of medicine of the U. of Louisville, Wally will spend ten weeks here of special study prior to heading south in April.

His Bronze Star citation praises his "skill, devotion to duty, and initiative," as he "gave efficient and rapid treatment to the wounded. He was an inspiration to those who saw his work."

BILL GLADEN

Remaining at Zion, Ill., Ens. Bill Gladen expects the Navy to get tired paying him about the first of the year. With that folding money for Stuff, CONTACT, and alumni dues, he sent greetings to all.

DON CASEY

A little girl has come to live with Sgt. and Mrs. Don Casey. Mary Catherine was born Oct. 17.

Sgt. Don, now stationed at Fort Custer, Mich., expects a release soon, and hopes to visit the campus during his terminal leave.

JOHN FEICHT, '43

Arriving Feb. 13 for a visit was John Feicht, Youngstown, O.

PUMA PRINTS

Drexel Hall's basketballers were augmented by a few new war veterans when they faced the Valparaiso University reserves for the second time, Feb. 9.

They made a better showing. In the last two minutes they trailed, 44 to 41. Then Valpo turned on the steam, winning 56 to 45.

Here are academy basketball scores since the last issue:

Cubs 32; So. Bend C.C. 29
Cubs 51; Mount Ayr 33
Cubs 33; Sacred Heart 50
Cubs 42; Francesville 41
Cubs 35; Hammond C.C. 26
Cubs 47; Brook 24

It still looks like either Rensselaer high school or St. Joe Academy in the forthcoming sectionals, Feb. 21-22-23. Dick Scharf's Cubs have had their ups and downs. However, their 16-3 season's record is nothing to sneeze at; not bad, that is!

Art Gilpin, '41, and Connie Vanderkolk, '43, have signed contracts with the Keeshin Rockets, Chicago's pro football team in the new All-American league.

Burrell Killed

Lieut. E. Kihm Burrell, '38, was killed in a raid over Tokyo last May. Pilot of a B-29, he lost his life after one month overseas. Previously he had four years' service in this country and asked for overseas duty.

A younger brother, Jacques, attended St. Joe from 1936 to 1938. Lieut. Burrell's wife, Bonnie, and three-year-old daughter, Veronica, live at 1659 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

DOMINIC KASTRE, '41

Gerber's Baby Food Co. now signs the paycheck for Dominic Kastre. His new address is: 479 State St., Freemont, Mich.

Weighing eight and three-fourths pounds, baby Michael F. arrived at the Kastre household Feb. 1. He is Mr. and Mrs. Kastre's third child.

A GIRL AT KAPLES

It was a girl, Jan. 27, for the Robert Kaples, '38, in Findlay, Ohio. Mrs. Kaple was the former Ruth Bertsch of Rensselaer.